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TAGS: OREP (WILSON, CHARLES H.)
SUBJECT: CODEL WILSON

REF: PARIS 6355, STATE 59036

1. EMBASSY REGRETS INABILITY MEET MARCH 19 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR CODEL VISIT SINCE, DESPITE OUR PRODDING, PROPOSED PROGRAM RECEIVED FROM GOF ONLY TODAY.

2. PROGRAM AS PROPOSED BY STATE SECRETARIAT FOR POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AFFAIRS IS AS FOLLOWS:
APRIL 3:
10 AM TO 12:30 PM--PRESENTATION ON THE FRENCH POSTAL SYSTEM BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION (ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION; GENERAL ORGANIZATION; BUDGET; POSTAL RATES; MECHANIZATION OF POSTAL SORTING)
1 PM--LUNCHEON
3 PM--VISIT TO POSTAL SORTING CENTER AT MAINE-MONTPARNASSE RAILROAD STATION.
EVENING--DINNER.

APRIL 4:
10 AM TO 12:30 PM--CONTINUATION OF PRESENTATION:
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS (CONTROL OVER MANAGE-

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MENT; PERSONNEL RELATIONS, PERSONNEL STATUTE, WAGES; RELATICNS WITH TRADE UNIONS AND THE RIGHT TO STRIKE; RELATIONS WITH USERS)
1 PM--LUNCHEON
3 PM--VISIT TO PARIS MAIN POST OFFICE, RUE DU LOUVRE.
EVENING--DINNER.

3. STATE SECRETARIAT INDICATES THAT ABOVE SCHEDULE WILL BE COMPLETED SHORTLY BY LIST OF PERSONS ON GOF SIDE ATTENDING EACH FUNCTION.

4. MEMBER OF STATE SECRETARY'S CABINET WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT IN ARRANGING FOR CODEL VISIT INFORMED US THAT IT WAS PLANNED TO INCLUDE FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIANS IN SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO CODEL DESIRE TO HAVE VIEWS OF USERS, CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO INVITING PARLIAMENTARIAN WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING VIEWS OF POSTAL USERS.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HOSPITALITY IN THE FORM OF THE LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS SHOWN ON SCHEDULE IS BEING OFFERED BY THE FRENCH. THEY ARE THINKING OF DINNER AND SHOW AT LIDO FOR EVENING OF APRIL 4, FOR EXAMPLE. STATE SECRETARY ACHILLE-FOULD HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE HOST THE LUNCHEON ON APRIL 3.

6. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SCHEDULE IS SATISFACTORY SO THAT WE CAN SO INFORM GOF.

7. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT TRANSLATION FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AT MEETINGS, WOULD BE HELPFUL KNOW WHETHER ANY MEMBERS OF CODEL SPEAK FRENCH.

8. AS INDICATED PARIS 5587, CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO WILLIAM F. MILLER, WHO WILL MEET AND ASSIST.
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